



# Fully Involved



A Newsletter of the Henrico County Division of Fire

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## Veteran Firefighter Experiences Positive Changes

Susan Caskie has been a firefighter for Henrico County for 25 years and is set to retire in September. Throughout her career she has watched the number of female firefighters grow within the department. In 2012, the Division of Fire had only eight female firefighters, but in a short time frame has experienced an increase in new female firefighters.

Although the Division of Fire has noticed an increase in female firefighters, on June 21 and 29 the County had a chance to witness this change also. Just two months ago the County staffed its first and second all-female engine, by accident! It is not uncommon for firefighters to backfill other stations and on this particular day, Grace Cuenin helped to fill a hole at station 13, home station to Michele Greep and Nichole Beall (pictured right).

Two weeks later, Susan Caskie backfilled at Station 13 and was also a part of another all-female engine crew. "From the day you walk through recruit school to the day you retire, all eyes are on you," said Caskie describing the experience of a female firefighter. "When I was a little girl, women couldn't be firefighters."

Henrico Division of Fire is committed to recruiting the best candidates and setting the same high standards across the board, regardless of sex. When the all-female engine crew "happened" it was perceived by many as "the new normal." According to Lt. Price Dunn of Station 13, the leadership at his station does not view any team member differently. "If it's their day to ride the on the truck, there's no stigma or anything that we put with it because we work with them every day. As far as I'm concerned, they're other firefighters on the shift."

As the Division of Fire becomes more inclusive, Caskie foresees more women making their way into untouched areas of the department, such as special service units and the Technical Rescue Team, breaking barriers and also more women becoming officers. "The more it happens, the less of an anomaly it will be. It's just kind of one mind at a time," says Caskie.



Michele Greep, Nichole Beall and Grace Cuenin



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25-Year Veteran Susan Caskie performs engine checks with Nichole Beall who is new to the department coming out of recruit school less than a year ago.

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## House Fire on Elwell Lane

On the rainy morning of May 12, Henrico County 911 dispatchers received a call from the occupant of a house fire in the 13400 block of Elwell Lane, off North Gayton Road, stating that smoke was coming from the attic of his home.

Nearby Firehouse 13 was on the scene within three minutes, and arrived to find smoke coming from the third floor of a large three-story home.



Personnel were met in the front yard by the occupants, who advised that everyone, including their dogs, were already out of the house. Crews, recognizing that the fire conditions were worsening by the minute, took hose lines to the third floor in an attempt to slow the progress of the blaze. When it was determined that exact location of the fire was going to be difficult to pinpoint due to the zero visibility and high heat conditions, a ladder truck was used to spray over 1000 gallons of water per minute to bring the fire under control.

Once a majority of the fire was knocked down, hose lines were again moved inside, where the remaining flames were extin-

guished. During that time, firefighters also took care to save valuables on the unaffected floors.

The fire was brought under control within an hour, and the fire marshals continue to investigate the cause. Red Cross was not required to assist the occupants.



## Warehouse Fire on Carolina Avenue



On July 18, Henrico firefighters were summoned to investigate smoke in a commercial building in the 3800 block of Carolina Avenue, off Laburnum Avenue, near the Richmond International Raceway. The occupant of an adjoining business arrived, found smoke in the building and called 911.

First units were on scene within five minutes and found thick smoke pushing from the roof on two sides of a warehouse that specializes in woodworking and hardwood floors.

In spite of the very heavy smoke conditions, firefighters entered the building with

hose lines to extinguish the blaze. The fire was deep seated and hard to access, so firefighters went to the roof with saws to cut a large hole to allow the smoke and heat escape and make conditions better for those in the building.

Because of the size of the fire, a second alarm was called, bringing nearly a dozen more personnel to the scene.

The fire was brought under control in about 90



minutes. There were no reported injuries to citizens or firefighters. Mindful of the high heat and humidity, crews were rotated regularly and provided water and rehab.

There is no indication of the cause and origin of the fire, and the fire marshal's office continues to investigate.



### House Fire on Charles City Road



On July 13, Henrico County dispatchers began receiving multiple calls for a house on fire in the 2500 block of Charles City Road in the county's east end near Richmond International Airport.

Units arrived to find heavy smoke and fire coming from an older two-story home. They also found several patients down in the front yard and immediately began providing them care.

At the same time, additional companies began to aggressively fight the fire in order to conduct a search on

the home.

Two elderly occupants of the home, plus two neighbors who helped rescue the elderly couple, as well as the son of the occupants (the son lived nearby) were found in the front yard. One occupant was transported with serious, non-life-threatening injuries, while the neighbors and other occupant were transported for evaluation.





The fire was deep-seated throughout the home and took an hour to mark under control. Companies remained on scene for several hours to salvage the occupant's personal effects from the home as well as ensure that all hidden fire is extinguished.

One firefighter was transported from the scene with a minor heat-related issue. Because of the high heat and humidity, crews were rotated to and from the scene, and all crews followed cooling and rehabilitation procedures.

The cause and origin of the fire is under investigation by the Fire Marshal's Office.

When a fire hydrant is not within a few hundred feet of the home, a tanker operation can be useful. One tanker drops over 2,000 gallons of water into a portable pond (pictured right), and an engine will draft from that pond to supply water to the attack lines used to extinguish the fire.



Once the tanker empties its tank, it then goes to the nearest fire hydrant, possibly several miles away, to refill. As the tanker is refilling, another tanker will drop over 2,000 gallons of water into the pond to keep a continuous flow of water supplying the engine. Typically three or more tankers are used in a tanker operation.



## Honoring Those Who Served – 2017 Henrico Fire Retirement Dinner



By Jeff Powell, Assistant Chief / Executive Officer

Each year, Division of Fire members gather in Highland Springs to take time to recognize our newest group of civilian and sworn retirees. Although this dinner highlights their individual careers, it is truly an event for the entire department and our families to come together and celebrate service.

This year's dinner was especially large and very well attended, with 20 retirees being recognized. Dinner was prepared by Capt. Jim Mellon and his team and a special cake was prepared by Lt. Scott Henderlite. The event also included a formal presentation led by Chief McDowell and Chief Reynolds, followed by an open mic that offered attendees a chance to share a "celebratory roast."



The Fire Retirement Committee is comprised of both active and retired sworn and civilian members. The Annual Dinner and the Committee's work is completely funded by employee donations. It takes a lot of effort behind the scenes to make this all work and we welcome your assistance.

To offer your service, please contact Jim Mellon, Committee Chair ([mel02@henrico.us](mailto:mel02@henrico.us)).

To sign up to contribute to the fund through payroll deduction, please contact Jeff Powell, Treasurer ([pow32@henrico.us](mailto:pow32@henrico.us)).

## A Good Deed Never Goes Unnoticed



On June 10 and 11, 2017, members of the DOF helped paralyzed veterans in and out of their fishing boats so that they could participate in a fishing tournament sponsored by the Paralyzed Veterans of America. They were not asked by anyone in administration to participate in this event, rather took it upon themselves to help out with this event. It is important to note that much of the work needed to be done in the wee hours of the morning and some went both days.

Those who helped did not asked to be recognized, but we would like to express how proud we are of them for exemplifying the "Henrico Way."



FF Jason Peace  
 FF Kerry Anderson  
 FF Mark Bednar  
 FF Mike Clary  
 FF Joe Green  
 FF Alex Hall  
 FF Chris Parrish  
 FF Allen Williams  
 FF Ricky Rice  
 FF Joe Ducharme  
 FF Christina Buonomo  
 FF Shaun Rideout  
 FF Chris Powell  
 FF Nick Petro  
 FF Kenny Simon  
 FF Kevin (Rope) Jones  
 FF Mike Sullivan  
 Lt. Allen Starrett  
 Lt. Earl Lanham  
 Lt. Mike Hodges  
 Lt. Clay Barrett  
 Capt. Mark Massey  
 Capt. Barney Bolter



## Friends and Family



Please join Firehouse 10B family in congratulating **Lt. Stephen Pignatello** and family on the addition of **Aidan James Pignatello** on May 9.

Glenwood Farms Firehouse 7A would like to congratulate **FF Mike Gouldin** and his wife Paige on the birth of their first child June 5. **Guy Reubin Gouldin** was born at 3:24pm, 7lb-1oz and 20" long.

Please join Firehouse 1B in congratulating **Ryan Warinner** and family on welcoming their 5th and newest addition to their family. **Emmalene Kate Warinner** was born on June 5 at 1:22pm. Mom and Emmalene are happy and healthy! Ryan is excited to get as much rest at home as he does at #1!

Firehouse 5B would like to congratulate **FF Travis Lewis** and his wife Angela on the birth of a baby boy. **Marshall Shepherd Lewis** was born June 27 at 6:13pm weighing in at 7lbs-5oz. Mom, Dad, and big brother are doing well and excited to be home.

Firehouse 21A is happy to announce it's latest addition to the world of hazmat... **Claire Marie Meanley**. She decided to make her presence a little earlier than expected by arriving on Tuesday, June 27. All 7lbs-4 ounces of her covered a full 19.5 inches. **Lt. Gerald Meanley**, mom, baby and older sisters were all doing well.

Firehouse 9C would like to congratulate **FF Brien Carr** and his wife Andrea on the birth of their new baby girl **Eliana "Elie" Rose Carr** on July 23 weighing in at 6 lbs.-10.1 oz. at 6:05 pm.

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On May 28, former **Lt. Brent Johnson** passed away after sustaining injuries from a severe motor vehicle accident. Johnson served with Henrico Fire for 16 years prior to joining Caroline County as a firefighter/medic in 2016.

## Congratulations

### 20 Years of Service

Lt. Anthony Boyd	Firehouse 12A
Lt. Sterling Dunn	Firehouse 13A
FF Randolph Goll	Firehouse 22B
FF Alan Grossnickle	Firehouse 17C
Capt. Justin Madren	Firehouse 4
FF Ryan Mallory	Firehouse 21A
Lt. James Nevius	Firehouse 7B
Capt. David Newell	Firehouse 13
Capt. Dennis Page	Firehouse 15
FF Thomas Pollard	Firehouse 1C
Lt. John Reeves	Firehouse 11A
Chief Jeffrey Southall	Battalion 2A
Lt. Ralph Whaley	Firehouse 13C

### 15 Years of Service

FF Stephen Armstrong	Firehouse 14C
FF Robert Baughan	Firehouse 14A
FF Coleman Bishop	Firehouse 10C
FF Douglas Blake	Firehouse 1B
FF Arthur Bostic	Firehouse 14B
FF Carlos Castillo	Firehouse 5B
FF Michael Clary	Firehouse 4C
FF Troy Cummings	Firehouse 3C
FF John Cuoghi	Fire Admin
Lt. Christopher Darko	Firehouse 17A
FF Kevin Harris	Firehouse 14B
FF Kevin M. Jones	Firehouse 11B
FF Thomas Maxton	Firehouse 14A
FF Frankie Otey	Firehouse 21A
FF Dwayne Peace	Firehouse 18B
FF Jonathan Reinmuth	Fire Admin
FF William Shumate	Firehouse 5A
FF James Strano	Firehouse 16C
FF Keith Wells	Firehouse 16C
FF Patrick White	Firehouse 21C
FF Guy Williams	Firehouse 14B

### 10 Years of Service

FF Michael Bagnell	Fire Admin
FF Devin Creamer	Firehouse 2C
Lt. Gene Fye	Firehouse 15A
FF Jaime Janus Ferguson	Firehouse 2B
FF Gabriel Justice	Firehouse 18B
FF James Mullin	Fire Marshal Office
FF Richard Pyle	Firehouse 1C
FF Athanasios Viglis	Firehouse 13C
FF Jason Yopp	Firehouse 22A

## College Degrees

**Lt. Sterling Dunn** of Firehouse 13A received a Masters of Science Degree in Emergency Management from Columbia Southern University October 2016.

**Assistant Chief William “Jeff” Powell** received a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Virginia Tech in Fall 2016.

**Assistant Fire Marshal Mark Furguson, Jr.** received an Associates Degree in Fire Science from J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College December 2016.

**FF Jameel Shabazz** of Firehouse 12C received an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing from John Tyler Community College December 2016.

**Lt. Benjamin Martin** of Fire Training received a Masters Degree in Public Administration & Healthcare Management from Columbia Southern University February 2017.

**Lt. Scott Akens** of Firehouse 10B received a Bachelors Degree in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University March 2017.

**Lt. Andrew Shelton** from Firehouse 15C received an Associates Degree in Fire Science from J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College May 2017.

## Promotions

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### **Assistant Chief Jeff Powell**

Jeff Powell has served as a member of the Division for 14 years and is a second-generation firefighter, having started as an Explorer and volunteer with the Martinsville Fire Department. During his career with Henrico, he has served as a Firefighter/Paramedic at Firehouses 5 & 1, Lieutenant at Firehouses 6 & 1, Planning Captain, Accreditation Manager, Station Captain and Regional Hazmat Team Leader at Firehouse 21, Eastern Operations Battalion, Administration Battalion, and Executive Officer. Jeff is certified as a critical care paramedic, hazardous materials specialist, HTR Technician, PADI Open Water Diver, and as an All-Hazards IMT Type III Operations and Planning Section Chief. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Health Science - EMS Management from George Washington University and a Master of Public Administration and Graduate Certificate in Local Government Management from Virginia Tech. Jeff is a graduate of the Henrico County Leadership Development Program, Virginia Fire Officer Academy, Virginia Chief Officer Academy, and the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Program.

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### **Assistant Chief Henry Rosenbaum**

Henry Rosenbaum has served a member of the Division for 32 years. Henry began his public service career in 1981 as a volunteer EMT and is a Life Member at the Lakeside Volunteer Rescue Squad. While attending recruit school in 1984, he earned his Paramedic certification and graduated at the top of his class. His assignments have included Firefighter/Paramedic at Firehouse 1, EMS Instructor in Training, Lieutenant at Firehouses 10 & 5, Captain of Training, EMS Field Supervisor, Logistics Resource Manager, Captain of Firehouses 3, 22, & 17, Search & Rescue Dive Team Captain, Eastern Operations Battalion, and as the Chief Fire Marshal. Henry has served on the Hazmat Team, SRT/Dive Rescue Team, and as a Flight Paramedic for Henrico Fire on Med-Flight 1. Henry is currently the Fire Code Official for Henrico County and serves as the Chief Fire Marshal with law enforcement powers. In 2017, Henry was one of 50 members of the Nation's fire service recognized in the book "American Firefighter," a tribute to first responders from across the nation.

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### **Battalion Chief Scotty Southall**

Scotty Southall has served as a member of the Division for 20 years, completing assignments at Firehouses 1, 8, & 10 and Fire Training. He is a VDFP Firefighter I/II, Instructor I, and Fire Officer Instructor. Scotty has served on the Budget Committee, Fire Chief's Advisory Committee, and numerous countywide training initiatives. He is a TRT Technician and serves as an Instructor for the Division of Fire's Acting Officer Program, Truck School, and Command Lab. Prior to employment with Henrico County, he studied Fire Protection Engineering at the University of Maryland. Scotty holds an AAS in Fire Science, a Bachelors Degree in Human Resources and Leadership, and a Masters Degree in Disaster Science from the University of Richmond.

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### **Battalion Chief John Walls**

John Walls has served as a member of the Division for 17 years, completing assignments at Firehouses 8, 13, 18, 5, and 7. He also was assigned as the Division's first Planning Lieutenant. He is certified as a Hazmat Technician and has served on the Division's Hazmat Team since 2010. In addition to previously serving on the Burn Team, John has served on numerous committees and Division efforts including accreditation, strategic planning, professional development, and officer development. He received a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Geography and a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning. John has also participated in the Henrico County Leadership Development Program and is a graduate and former Incident Commander of the Virginia Fire Officer Academy.

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### **Captain Agee Bryant**

Agee Bryant has served as a member of the Division for 16 years, completing assignments at Firehouse 1, 7, & 10. He began his fire service career as volunteer with Namozine Volunteer Fire Department and also served as a volunteer firefighter while completing his Bachelors of Business Administration at Radford University. Prior to joining Henrico, Agee worked for Kitty Hawk Ocean Rescue. He holds certifications as a Paramedic and HTR Specialist. Agee serves as an RSI Paramedic and as a member of the Driver/Pump Operator Training Cadre. He participated in the development of the Acting EMS Supervisors Training Process and recently participated in the Internal Stakeholders Workshop.



### **Captain Phillip Lathrop**

Phil Lathrop has served as a member of the Division for 11 years, completing assignments at Firehouses 10, 9, 1, and in Fire Planning as the first dedicated Emergency Communications Center Liaison. He is a National Registry Paramedic and served as a member of the Technical Rescue Team before his current assignment to Fire Headquarters. In addition to his technical rescue certifications, Phil is a Hazmat Technician, Field Training Medic, and RSI Paramedic. He is a graduate of the 2013 Virginia Fire Officer Academy, holds numerous train-the-trainer certifications, and is currently in the process of completing his Bachelors Degree in Fire Science. He has been active throughout his career on numerous project teams and committees and currently serves on the EMS Operations Committee, Suppression Operations Committee, and Accreditation team.



### **Captain David Newell**

David Newell has served as a member of the Division for 20 years and is a second-generation firefighter. He has served as a volunteer in Hanover for the last 27 years, including service as a company officer and district chief. His Division assignments have included serving as a Firefighter/EMT at Firehouses 6, 1, & 12, and as a Lieutenant at Firehouse 18 & 21. In addition to serving on the MCI Team, Technical Rescue Team, and Hazmat Team, David is a member of the Uniform & PPE Committee and serves as the FAST Team Leader. He is a Hazmat Specialist, has served as the HIT Training Coordinator for the last 4 years, and has assisted with the Saw Shop at Firehouse 21. David is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky with a Bachelor's in Fire Protection Administration.



### **Captain Robert Owens**

Robert Owens has served as a member of the Division for 13 years, completing assignments at Firehouses 6, 3, 8, 9, & 13. He began his fire service career in 1996 at Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department, where he was a member for 10 years. Before joining the Division, he also served as a career firefighter with Stafford County. Robby is an NREMT-Intermediate, Officer IV, Instructor II, Mass Casualty Incident Management Instructor, and holds advanced certifications in vehicle rescue. He was a member of the first graduating class of the National Fire Academy Managing Officer Program and received a Bachelors Degree in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University. In 2017, Robby received the 2017 Firefighter of the Year award from American Legion Post 84.



### **Captain Joe Powers**

Joe Powers has served as a member of the Division for 17 years. During his career, he has worked as a Firefighter/Paramedic at 16 & 9, Fire Inspector & Fire Investigator in the Fire Marshal's Office, and as a Lieutenant in the Fire Planning Section. In his latest role, Joe worked with colleagues in Fire Planning to establish an environment of continuous improvement and increased efficiency. He is a credentialed Fire Officer with the Center for Public Safety Excellence, received a Bachelors Degree from James Madison University, and will graduate in 2018 with his Master of Public Administration from Arkansas State University.

## Promotions Continued



### **Lieutenant Chris Darko**

Chris Darko has served as a member of the Division for 15 years, having completed assignments at Firehouses 7, 22, & 2 and Fire Training. He previously served in the United States Marine Corps and the United States Navy Reserve, where he was a sergeant in Force Reconnaissance Company and served as a Petty Officer 2nd Class. Chris is a Nationally Registered Paramedic, training officer and divemaster for the Search & Rescue Dive Team, and member of the Robotics Response Team. He is a graduate of the Virginia Fire Officer Academy and later returned as a staff member, serving as the Logistics Chief. Chris has served on the Budget Committee, Metro Area Big Box Training Cadre, Burn Team, Driver Pump Operator Cadre, and as a Crisis Intervention Team Instructor.



### **Lieutenant Josh Dehoux**

Josh Dehoux has served as a member of the Division for 11 years. He began his career a volunteer with the Mathews County Volunteer Fire Department and also worked for York County Fire and Life Safety. His Division assignments have included Firehouses 3 & 6, where he served as an Acting Lieutenant on Truck 6. Josh completed his EMT-Intermediate training at Tidewater Community College and holds numerous additional fire and rescue certifications. He has also served as an active member of the Division's 4500 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Conversion Committee.



### **Lieutenant Donald Lucas**

Donald Lucas has served as a member of the Division for 9 years, completing assignments at Firehouses 9, 13, & 15. He began his career as an ER tech at UVA and volunteered for Albemarle County Fire Rescue. Donald is a National Registry Paramedic and holds numerous technical rescue certifications. He has also completed the Division's Basic Truck School, Crisis Intervention Team program, and is a cleared Squad Operator. He currently serves on the WPE/CPAT cadre, EMS committee, assists Training with EMS practicals, and was a member of the Burn Team. Donald holds a Bachelors degree in International Relations: Economics and Political Science, as well as a teaching credential for high school mathematics and Physical Education.



### **Lieutenant Scott McClelland**

Scott McClelland has served as a member of the Division for 14 years, completing assignments at Firehouses 12 & 15. He has served as a truck operator, preceptor for the special operations medic program, and in a leadership role with the Mass Casualty & Special Events Team. During his career, he has become an ALS provider, mentored several recruit firefighters, and helped to build the Division's physical fitness program. Scott is a Level 2 CrossFit Trainer and a nationwide CrossFit Competitor. He has competed in the Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge and the Firefighter CrossFit Throwdown. Scott has a passion for sharing his fitness knowledge and "fit for duty" mentality.



### **Lieutenant Joey Plaster**

Joey Plaster has served as a member of the Division for 10 years, completing assignments at Firehouses 9, 6, & 17. Prior to joining Henrico, he also previously worked a volunteer and career firefighter in Hanover County. In addition to being certified as a EMT-Intermediate, he is currently enrolled in a degree program through Columbia Southern University to earn his Bachelor of Science in Fire Administration. Joey is a member of the Burn Team, Crisis Intervention Team, and the Search & Rescue Dive Team. He previously managed the welding shop and served on both the Promotional Steering Group and Community Station Name Committee.



### **Lieutenant Chris Shultz**

Chris Shultz has served as a member of the Division for 16 years, having completed assignments at Firehouses 15, 9, & 6. He is certified as a Nationally Registered Paramedic and serves as both a Field Training Medic and RSI Paramedic. Chris is also a Work Performance Evaluation and Candidate Physical Ability Proctor. He currently serves as a member of the Bike Team and previously worked on the Burn Team. Chris received an Associates Degree from J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College.



### **Lieutenant Jonathan Tyrcha**

John Tyrcha has served as a member of the Division for 13 years and completed assignments at Firehouses 9 and 1. In addition to his service to Henrico, he has been an active member of the Disputanta Volunteer Fire Department for 19 years. John holds certifications as an EMT-Intermediate, HTR Technician, Swift Water Technician, and as a FEMA Logistics Specialist. He has been involved in numerous committees and working groups, including the Burn Team, Budget Committee, Basic Truck School Instructor Cadre, and as a Technical Rescue Instructor. Additionally, John serves a Rescue Specialist with FEMA's Virginia Task Force 2 Urban Search & Rescue Team.

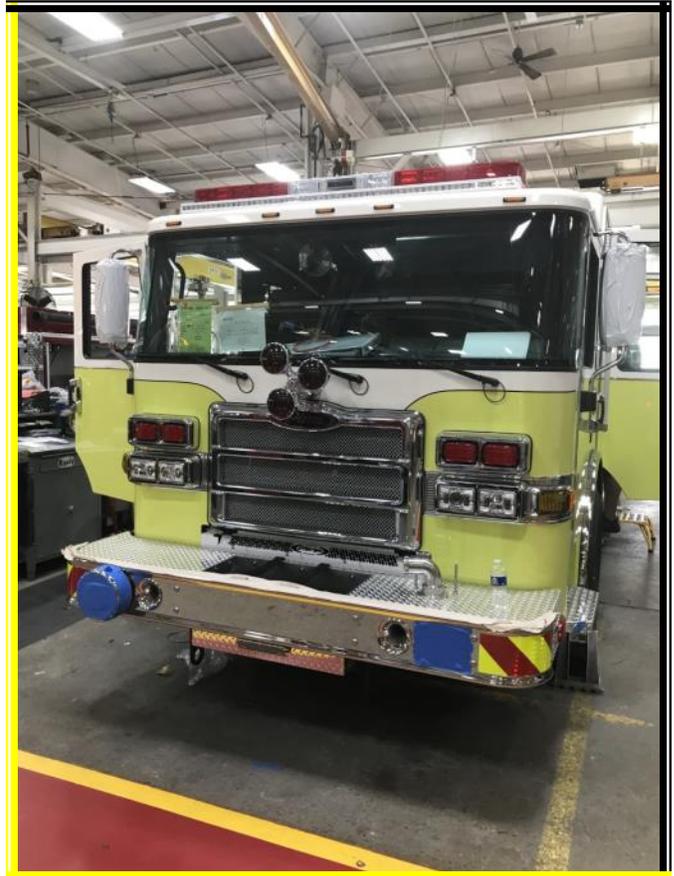


### **Lieutenant Ryan Warriner**

Ryan Warriner has served as a member of the Division for 13 years and completed assignments at Firehouses 5, 22, & 1. He started his career as a volunteer in Pennsylvania, where he served for 7 years. Ryan is a member of the Division's Technical Rescue Team and is certified by FEMA as a Structural Collapse Technician. He is also a member of the Honor Guard serves on the Henrico Fire Bike Team. Ryan also previously served on the Chief's Advisory Committee and an instructor for the Fourth Grade Fire Education Program.

## New Apparatus Coming Soon

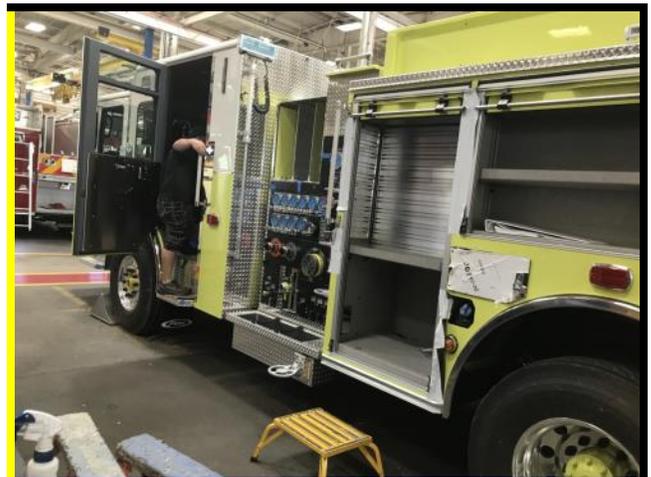
Engines 10, 11, and 19 are in the final stages of production before being released into their districts. They are progressing right on schedule with a final inspection set for early August, and delivery following soon after.



High visibility scene light bars on the cab roof and body sides under where the hard sleeve is mounted.

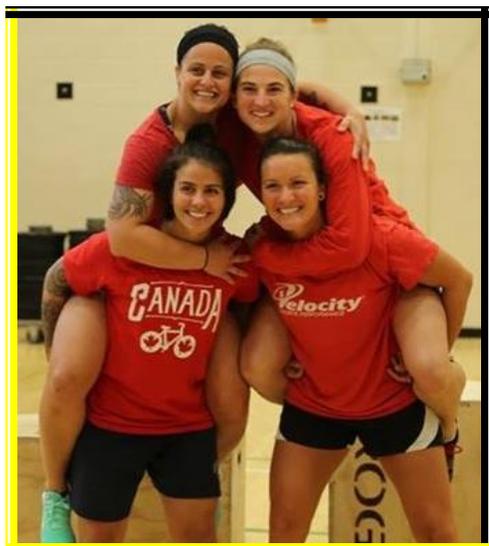


New warning lights and traffic advisor lights for increased off angle visibility.



DEF fill is moved to a separate location.

## Fire Fitness



Big round of applause to **Kelsey Thomas, Christina Buonomo, Elizabeth Guise, Grace Cuenin and Chief McDowell** for doing an outstanding job representing the Division of Fire in this years Public Safety Games. Although the crown has passed to the Sherriff's, the effort put forth by our Division members was impressive to see. Hopefully, all of our participants will return next year along with some new teams.



## Tomato Bun Tuna Melts



**Ingredients:**

- 2 6-ounce cans of tuna, drained
- 1/4 red onion, finely chopped
- 1 tbsp. chopped parsley
- 1/4 c. mayo
- 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 4 large tomatoes
- 2 c. shredded yellow cheddar

**Directions:**

1. Heat broiler. In a large bowl, combine tuna, onion, parsley, mayo, mustard, and lemon juice and season with salt and pepper.
2. Slice tomatoes into thirds. (Save the middle slices for later.) Place tops and bottoms face side up on a baking sheet. Spread tuna mixture on bottom halves and top with cheddar. Season top halves with season and pepper.
3. Broil until cheddar is melty and golden, 4 to 5 minutes.



# FMO Corner

The Fire Marshal's office is responsible for enforcing the current Statewide Fire Prevention Code, as well as: issuing permits, performing safety inspections, reviewing plans for development, investigations of incidents involving fires, environmental crimes and bombings, as well as public education, public information and other related issues.

The office conducts an average of three hundred fire investigations annually, with a clearance rate well above the national average. Assistant Fire Marshals conduct well over a thousand business inspections each year. In the average year, they issue over a thousand certificates of occupancy, as well as permits for burning, blasting and welding. The office has a Fire Protection Engineer, who performs the review on all plans of development; these amount to several hundred a year. In addition, personnel assigned to our fire stations perform approximately three to four thousand inspections of small businesses annually.

## Burn Laws

Burning of leaves is only permitted in areas of Henrico County that do not have bagged leaf pickup service.

This burning can only be done from 8 AM to 8 PM.

For more information on pickup schedules and areas not covered see:  
<http://henrico.us/services/bagged-leaf-collection/>

**No other open burning is allowed without a Permit**

## Fireworks

It is **illegal** to possess, display or sell fireworks in Henrico

## Contact

FireMarshal@henrico.us  
 804.501.4900

## Preparing for an Apartment Fire

Between 2004 - 2010 there were 107,800 apartment fires that caused 410 deaths, over 4,000 injuries and \$1.2 million in property damage. January is the top month for apartment fires and the hours between 3pm - 10pm are when most apartment fires occur.

### 5 Things You Should Know

#### 1. **The layout of your building.**

Do exits lead you outside or to another part of the building?  
 Could you get out if you had to crawl on the ground?

#### 2. **The location of all exit stairs from your floor.**

If the stairway is full of smoke or fire is there another one to use?

#### 3. **If your building has a sprinkler system, fire alarms and an evacuation plan.**

Will the landlord consider installing a sprinkler system?

Is the fire alarm connected to a 911 system? (some apartment complexes are not hard-wired, meaning nobody will be alerted if there is a fire until somebody physically dials 911).

Are there evacuation plans posted in hallways or your apartment?

#### 4. **What to do if you cannot get out.**

Stuff wet towels or sheets around the door or vents to keep smoke out.

Call the fire dept and tell them where you are.

Place a bright light, cloth or paper in a window to signal your location.

#### 5. **Once you get out, STAY OUT.**

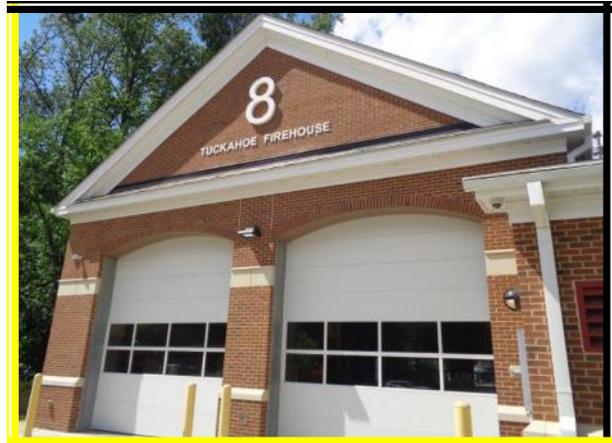
Do not go back inside for any reason! If someone is still inside, tell the firefighters immediately.

For more information visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

## Name that Station



Recently, seven stations were updated with district names to accompany the station number. These Firehouses were completed May 26 and the others will be updated in the near future.



# The Way it Was: 1970-1980

*Building Upon the Foundation Laid by Our Predecessors*

This section of the newsletter is inspired by Retired Volunteer Firefighter David Nowell. Nowell was a volunteer at Engine Company #8 from 1971-1979 and transferred to Engine Company #9 from 1979-1982. In 1975 he was certified as a pump operator by Battalion Chief Dawson and also certified as a Class 3 volunteer firefighter by Chief Fisher. In 1977, Nowell became an EMT.

As the Division of Fire and fire services in general continue to evolve, we would like to take a moment to remember what it was like "back in the day" by highlighting a photo, along with its story, to help some reminisce about, or to be inspired by, Henrico's historical moments.

## Silos Catch Fire in Henrico's East End

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This fire occurred sometime in the late 80s, possibly 87' or 88' on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. The location was off of Osborne Pike at the Kingsland Ranch.

Units that responded were Eng 6, 2 and 4, Truck 6 and possibly Eng 3 and Tanker 3.

During the call, a raccoon jumped from above and fell to the ground next to Vern Wilson and took the crew by surprise!

Instead of shuttling water, firefighters stretched a 2 1/2" hose through an old building of boats and drew water from near the boat landing.

A few firefighters who were on the call were:

Billy Garrett

Jerry Rollison

David Hammond

Stone Smith

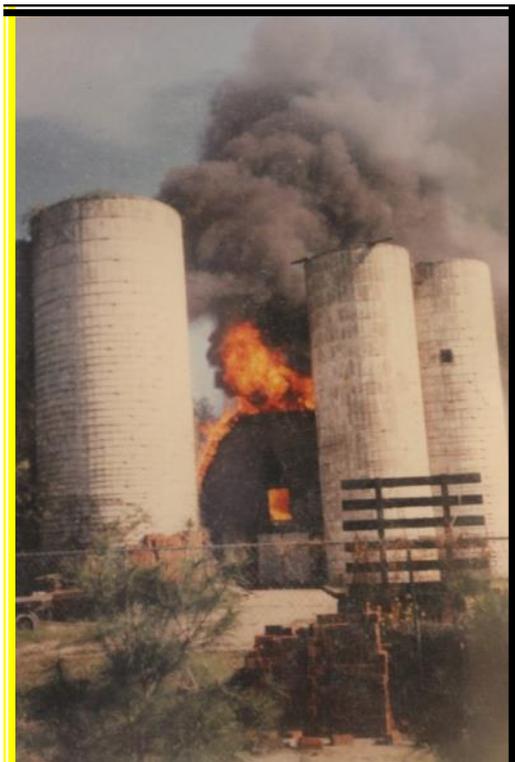
Hiram Pritchard

Vern Wilson

George Bates (Lieutenant at that time)

*Info courtesy of David Nowell and the Henrico Fire Retirees Facebook Page.*

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<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>
ALS Continuing Education	September 11-13
RA65 Acting Officer School	September 20-22
Staff Meeting	October 2,, 1300 hours
ALS Continuing Education	October 2-4
Retiree's Breakfast (West)	October 4, 0800-1000
Community Day (Western Government Center)	October 7
Red Cross: Sound the Alarm	October 7
BLS Continuing Education	October 9-11
IMT: Situation Unit Leader Class	October 9-13
HazMat Team Regional Training	October 11-13
Truck Basic School	October 16-19
FY19 Budget Development Mtg.	October 18, 0800-1630
Retiree Breakfast (East)	October 19, 0900-1100
OEM: Great ShakeOut Earthquake TTX	October 19, 1000-1015
Executive Staff Meeting	November 6, 1300 hours



**The Smoke Detector Initiative has gone into effect and homes will be checked for a working smoke detector. A CAD program tracks homes with/without detectors and when a new detector is provided during a house check. A 10-year smoke detector with a lithium battery is installed in homes without, or with out -of-date or inoperable detectors. Remember, 3 of 5 home fire deaths resulted in homes with no or non-working detectors.**



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